GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the smuggling of weapons into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of weapons seized during the last three years till date, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per available reports, arms are being smuggled from across the borders and from one State to another within the country by militants/terrorists/anti-national elements including those active in J &K and the North East.

(c): As per available information received from the States/UT Governments, details of illegal weapons seized during the years 2005 to 2007 (upto September), State and Union Territory-wise, is enclosed. No separate data for smuggled weapons is maintained.

(d) The Government has taken the following steps to check the smuggling/proliferation of illegal/illicit arms-

i) The State and UT Governments have been urged to make sustained and continued efforts to unearth illegal weapons/arms.
ii) Regular meetings are held with the representatives of the States/UTs to monitor and take stock of the situation.
iii) Border management has been strengthened by border fencing on the Indo-Pak and Bangladesh borders, deployment of security forces along the borders, infrared sensors, thermal imaging devices (including night vision devices), underground sensors, trip wire mechanisms to activate fence lights, battle field surveillance radars, etc.